

S. 2177, to provide taxpayers with an improved understanding of Government programs through the disclosure of cost, performance, and areas of duplication among them, leverage existing data to achieve a functional Federal program inventory;

S. 2169, to amend section 3116 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the applicability of the appointment limitations for students appointed under the expedited hiring authority for post-secondary students, with an amendment;

S. 2107, to increase the number of CBP Agriculture Specialists and support staff in the Office of Field Operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection;

S. 2193, to require the Administrator of General Services to issue guidance to clarify that Federal agencies may pay by charge card for the charging of Federal electric motor vehicles, with an amendment;

S. 764, to provide for congressional approval of national emergency declarations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 439, to allow Members of Congress to opt out of the Federal Employees Retirement System, and allow Members who opt out of the Federal Employees Retirement System to continue to participate in the Thrift Savings Plan;

S. 2119, to amend title 5, United States Code, to appropriately limit the authority to award bonuses to Federal employees;

H.R. 2590, to require a Department of Homeland Security overseas personnel enhancement plan, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 3305, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2509 George Mason Drive in Virginia Beach, Virginia, as the “Ryan Keith Cox Post Office Building”; and

The nominations of Chad F. Wolf, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans, and William Bryan, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, both of the Department of Homeland Security, Robert M. Duncan, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, Ann C. Fisher, of the District of Columbia, and Ashley Jay Elizabeth Poling, of North Carolina, both to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, Catherine Bird, of Texas, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and Rainey R. Brandt, and Shana Frost Matini, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2159, to repeal the Act entitled “An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of North Dakota over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Devils Lake Indian Reservation”.

NOMINATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of E. Sequoyah Simermyer, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

GPO OVERSIGHT

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Government Publishing Office, Office of the Inspector General, after receiving testimony from Michael P. Leary, Inspector General, Government Publishing Office.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 3927–3930, 3932–3956; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 54–55; and H. Res. 515–518, 520–521 were introduced. **Pages H7376–77**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7378–79**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2385, to permit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a grant program to conduct cemetery research and produce educational materials for

the Veterans Legacy Program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–179);

H.R. 3931, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–180);

H.R. 3352, to provide for certain authorities of the Department of State, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–181);

H.R. 2336, to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to the definition of “family farmer” (H. Rept. 116–182); and

H. Res. 519, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3877) to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, to establish a congressional budget for fiscal years 2020 and 2021, to temporarily suspend the debt limit, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 549) to designate Venezuela under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit nationals of Venezuela to be eligible for temporary protected status under such section, and for other purposes; and waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 116–183). **Page H7376**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7247**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:13 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7255**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Mark Getman, Temple Emanu-El of Canarsie, Brooklyn, New York. **Page H7255**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2019: H.R. 3409, amended, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard; **Pages H7263–87**

Disclosing Aid Spent to Ensure Relief Act: H.R. 1984, to amend chapter 11 of title 31, United States Code, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to annually submit to Congress a report on all disaster-related assistance provided by the Federal Government; **Pages H7287–89**

Restore the Harmony Way Bridge Act: H.R. 3245, to transfer a bridge over the Wabash River to the New Harmony River Bridge Authority and the New Harmony and Wabash River Bridge Authority; **Pages H7290–91**

Post-Disaster Assistance Online Accountability Act: H.R. 1307, to provide for an online repository for certain reporting requirements for recipients of Federal disaster assistance; **Pages H7291–92**

Stopping Bad Robocalls Act: H.R. 3375, amended, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify the prohibitions on making robocalls, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 429 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 502; **Pages H7292–H7303, H7312**

Autism Collaboration, Accountability, Research, Education, and Support Act of 2019: H.R. 1058, amended, to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism; **Pages H7303–08**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to research on autism spectrum disorder and enhance programs relating to autism, and for other purposes”; **Page H7308**

Lifespan Respite Care Reauthorization Act of 2019: H.R. 2035, amended, to amend title XXIX of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program under such title relating to lifespan respite care; **Pages H7308–10**

Promoting Respect for Individuals’ Dignity and Equality Act of 2019: H.R. 3299, amended, to permit legally married same-sex couples to amend their filing status for income tax returns outside the statute of limitations, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that all provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples; **Pages H7313–18**

Making technical corrections to the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act: H.R. 1365, amended, to make technical corrections to the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act; **Pages H7351–53**

Emancipation National Historic Trail Study Act: H.R. 434, amended, to designate the Emancipation National Historic Trail; **Pages H7353–61**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the study of the Emancipation National Historic Trail, and for other purposes”; **Page H7361**

Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama-Coushatta Tribes of Texas Equal and Fair Opportunity Settlement Act: H.R. 759, amended, to restore an opportunity for tribal economic development on terms that are equal and fair; **Pages H7361–64**

Emergency Medical Services for Children Program Reauthorization Act of 2019: H.R. 776, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children program; and **Pages H7364–65**

Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act of 2019: H.R. 2507, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs under part A of title XI of such Act relating to genetic diseases. **Pages H7365–68**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson of the United States Capitol Police who were killed in the line of duty defending the Capitol on July 24, 1998. **Page H7312**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 516, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H7313**

Rehabilitation for Multiemployer Pensions Act of 2019: The House passed H.R. 397, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create a Pension Rehabilitation Trust Fund, to establish a Pension Rehabilitation Administration within the Department of the Treasury to make loans to multiemployer defined benefit plans, by a recorded vote of 264 ayes to 169 noes, Roll No. 505.

Pages H7318–35, H7345–48

Rejected the Mast motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and Labor with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 200 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 504. **Pages H7346–47**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–24 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendments in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committees on Education and Labor and Ways and Means now printed in the bill. **Pages H7318–23**

Rejected:

Roe amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–178) that sought to set the loan interest rates at 5% per annum for the first 5 years and 9% per annum thereafter (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 503). **Pages H7334–35, H7345**

H. Res. 509, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 397) and (H.R. 3239) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 501, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 500. **Pages H7257–63, H7310–12**

Humanitarian Standards for Individuals in Customs and Border Protection Custody Act: The House passed H.R. 3239, to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to perform an initial health screening on detainees, by a recorded vote of 233 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 507.

Pages H7336–45, H7348–50

Agreed to the Kinzinger motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 239 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 506. Subsequently, Representative Lofgren reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to. **Pages H7348–50**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–26, modified by the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–178, shall

be considered as an original bill for purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill. **Pages H7340–42**

Agreed to:

Kuster (NH) amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 116–178) that directs DHS OIG to pay particular attention to whether CBP meets its own sexual violence prevention standards when inspecting ports of entry, border patrol stations, and detention facilities; and **Pages H7342–43**

Kuster (NH) amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 116–178) that requires the Secretary of Homeland Security make publicly available data about sexual abuse allegations every 3 months in order to improve transparency about sexual abuse at CBP facilities. **Pages H7342–45**

H. Res. 509, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 397) and (H.R. 3239) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 501, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 500. **Pages H7310–12**

Consensus Calendar: The Chair announced the Speaker's designation, pursuant to clause 7(a)(1) of rule 15, of H.R. 693, to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, as the measure on the Consensus Calendar to be considered this week. **Page H7368**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

U.S. Senator Joseph D. Tydings Memorial Prevent All Soring Tactics Act of 2019: H.R. 693, amended, to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act. **Pages H7368–74**

Senate Referral: S. 2249 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7292.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7310–11, H7311–12, H7312, H7345, H7347, H7347–48, H7349–50, and H7350. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:49 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT OF THE UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN PROGRAM: ENSURING THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN IN HHS CARE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Unaccompanied Children Program: Ensuring the Safety of Children in HHS Care”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Shalala, Wasserman Schultz, Higgins of Louisiana, and Burgess; Jonathan Hayes, Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Lynn Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget and oversight hearing on the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. Testimony was heard from Kelvin Droegemeier, Director, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President.

U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION—BORDER PATROL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Customs and Border Protection—Border Patrol. Testimony was heard from Carla Provost, Chief, U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION, EDUCATION CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Bureau of Indian Education, Education Construction”. Testimony was heard from Jason Freihage, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Management, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior.

THE COSTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE: FROM COASTS TO HEARTLAND, HEALTH TO SECURITY

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Costs of Climate Change: From Coasts to Heartland, Health to Security”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Lower Half Ann C. Phillips, Special Assistant to the Governor for Coast-

al Adaptation and Protection, Office of the Governor, Virginia; and public witnesses.

BUILDING AMERICA’S CLEAN FUTURE: PATHWAYS TO DECARBONIZE THE ECONOMY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change held a hearing entitled “Building America’s Clean Future: Pathways to Decarbonize the Economy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATION TO MAKE CARS IN AMERICA SAFER

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce held a hearing entitled “Legislation to Make Cars in America Safer”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE NEXT MEGABANK? EXAMINING THE PROPOSED MERGER OF SUNTRUST AND BB&T

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Next Megabank? Examining the Proposed Merger of SunTrust and BB&T”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE FY20 BUDGET: STATE DEPARTMENT COUNTERTERRORISM AND COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM BUREAU

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism held a hearing entitled “The FY20 Budget: State Department Counterterrorism and Countering Violent Extremism Bureau”. Testimony was heard from Nathan Sales, Acting Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Ambassador-at-Large, Bureau of Counterterrorism and Countering Violent Extremism, Department of State.

OVERSIGHT OF THE REPORT ON THE INVESTIGATION INTO RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE IN THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: FORMER SPECIAL COUNSEL ROBERT S. MUELLER, III

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Report on the Investigation into Russian Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election: Former Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller, III”. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 934, the “Health Benefits for Miners Act of 2019”;